

# TECHNICAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE

## INTERNATIONAL PARACHUTING COMMISSION



<b>Technical &amp; Safety Information Notice No.</b>	<b>W.N. 53</b> <b>Subject: DSF Stainless Steel Hardware on Vortex Harness Containers</b>
<b>Date of Issue</b>	<b>09 February 2016</b>
<b>Subject Matter and Applicability</b>	<b>Affected Vortex Rigs: All Harness Containers fitted with Stainless Steel DSF hardware.</b>
<b>Details</b>	<b>All Harness Containers with DSF Stainless Steel hardware are Permanently Grounded</b>  Parachute Systems, maker of the Vortex harness and container system, has permanently grounded any Vortex container with stainless steel hardware stamped with "DSF" on the back of the large harness ring (the main-riser attachment ring). The harness and container must be shipped back to the manufacturer, and a new replacement harness and container will be built. The updated service bulletin is available on the Parachute Systems <a href="#">website</a> , and under downloads the <a href="#">Vortex Replacement Program claim form</a> can be found. Email questions to <a href="mailto:vortexrecall@parachutesystems.com">vortexrecall@parachutesystems.com</a> .
<b>Compliance</b>	<b>See Parachute Systems' website for the complete Product Service Bulletin 2016-01</b>
<b>Concerned Publication</b>	<b>Distribution, by Parachute Systems to:-</b> All Parachute Systems Dealers and Customers  <b>Distribution by IPC Technical &amp; Safety Committee</b> E-mail to all T&S Officers; FAI/IPC website
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